

MEETING REPORT  
REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011  
9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the office of Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California, at 9:00 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Selby	Jamestown Sanitary District
Stacy Billings	Jamestown Sanitary District
Jake Radovich	Jamestown Sanitary District
Scot Moody	Twain Harte Community Services District
Robb Perry	Twain Harte Community Services District
Richard Knudson	Twain Harte Community Services District
Bob Behee	Tuolumne Utilities District
Delbert Rotelli	Tuolumne Utilities District
Pete Kampa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Leonard Mauro	Tuolumne Utilities District
Melissa McMullen	Tuolumne Utilities District

Self introductions started the meeting.

**Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities**

Stacy Billings reported that Jamestown Sanitary District (JSD) is currently doing repairs in the collection system.

Judy Selby reported that JSD will be having a Board workshop on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will be to discuss improving the treatment plant and working on the inflow and infiltration (I&I). Also, it will be an opportunity for the Board to look at the study's that have been done, options for JSD and help develop a future plan of direction.

**Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities**

Robb Perry reported that Twain Harte Community Services District (THCSD) currently has a lot of projects in progress in the water and sewer departments. Mr. Perry reported that THCSD was very successful on slip lining the steel line around the Twain Harte Lake and that there was about 1700 feet of slip line completed.

Robb Perry reported that THCSD recently purchased a new camera trailer which will be very beneficial in maintaining THCSD system and diagnosing problem areas.

Robb Perry reported that THCSD will be starting a Root Extermination Program. Also, THCSD has gotten the FOG program in place with restaurants and schools and the Cross Connection Program will begin this winter.

Robb Perry reported that THCSD recently installed the third and final lift station at Shady Brook. The old lift station will be used for overflow, after it's lined and sealed.

Scot Moody reported that THCSD will have a Board workshop Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to brainstorm new projects and discuss budget revisions now that THCSD has gotten the union contract ratified. Mr. Moody also reported that THCSD may have the valve exercising truck sold.

Robb Perry reported that THCSD is trying to set something up with Calhoun Water to have smoke testing done in the Twain Harte District and possibly a class if anyone from other Districts is interested. The class will give continuing education credits to any employee who takes the class.

**Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities**

Leonard Mauro reported that Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) has been working on its sewer system and that he recently spoke with Tom Scesa who stated that between lining and piping approximately 2 miles of the system has been replaced.

Ron Ringen suggested that the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee contact the Tuolumne County Board of Realtors to ask them to notify buyers to check with their local utility company to see if they are responsible for the sewer lateral on the property they are purchasing. Scot Moody and Stacy Billings both responded that this is already currently being done by the individual Districts.

Leonard Mauro reported that TUD has two more years on the current permit to release water from Quartz Reservoir but then the permit will have to be renewed. Due to the lack of early irrigation TUD will have to release water from Quartz Reservoir again this year. With the severe winter from last year Quartz Reservoir would have had more than 200 acre feet of carryover but TUD installed a five acre Fog system at Quartz Reservoir, did additional work on the Rosasco property and used an eighty acre parcel from Jack Gardella for irrigation. Using these options is much less expensive than releasing the water under the permit. Mr. Mauro reported that looking for property to irrigate will have to be a continuous effort by TUD. Pete Kampa reported that if TUD cannot acquire a significant amount of new property to irrigate, then TUD will have to change direction which will be a large expense for TUD.

Pete Kampa reported that recently the Gold Country Chapter of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) was formed and is a Regional Chapter. The objective of the chapter is to develop training courses to offer for example to; new Board members, Finance, Board Secretary, Human Resource and especially for Governing Officials. Mr. Kampa reported that the CSDA bylaws were revised to require mandatory membership in CSDA for chapter members. What this does is provide a direct link between the Statewide Association and the new Gold Country Chapter so there is a larger obligation by the Statewide Association to provide a greater service to the Gold Country Chapter than another chapter that is independent. Bob Behee stated that the Gold Country Chapter is unique because it makes all the mountain counties a single chapter with a common interest.

Pete Kampa stated that TUD is currently working on updating the Strategic Plan. Mr. Kampa stated that the consultants have been interviewing management staff and Board members to gain ideas on updating the Strategic Plan. TUD will have a Board workshop on November 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Strategic Plan update and the General Managers Performance Evaluation. Bob Behee stated that the TUD Board of Directors has been looking at the way the General Managers evaluation is done and realized TUD's Strategic Plan is the direction the Board of Directors will use to help evaluate the General Manager.

Pete Kampa stated that Tuolumne City Sanitary District (TCSD) is still conveying an interest in dissolving TCSD and is currently working with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). LAFCO is requiring TCSD to do a resolution that starts the dissolution process and an agreement with TUD on how TCSDS assets, employees and other functions of the TCSDS will be handled.

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Pete Kampa stated that the proposed TUD Water Rate Plan impact to the regional sewer is that there is an intentional development of a \$300,000 per year reserve fund. This is being put in place because on TUD's audits over the last few years, a negative balance has been carried forward in sewer because TUD has been using these funds to cover a water system that is losing money.

**Open Discussion on Other Regional Issues**

None was heard.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Jamestown Sanitary District.